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INITIAL  
SEARCH

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Mr. Bryon R. Wilson, III  
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Re: United States Patent Novelty Search  
**TEE STICKER**  
Our File No. WBA-100

→ SUBSEQUENT INVENTION NOW CALLED

"TEEZTUP"

Bryon R. Wilson 1/24/04

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In accordance with your instructions we conducted a preliminary novelty search in the United States Patent and Trademark Office for your invention of a device that permits a golfer to tee the ball up without bending over. This prevents and avoids most back problems. It fits in the pocket of pants while swinging the club and is easily stored in the cubby hole of most golf carts, in accordance with the disclosure provided.

The patents of significant interest include the following:

<u>INVENTOR</u>	<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF PATENT</u>
Brant et al.	6,254,497 B1	July 3, 2001
Jack Palmer	6,053,821	April 25, 2000
Timothy M. Petersen	6,004,227	December 21, 1999
David R. Corriveau	5,928,091	July 27, 1999
Sun Hyo Park	5,913,737	June 22, 1999
T. Lee Dahlmann	5,772,533	June 30, 1998
Charles Erickson, Jr.	5,759,117	June 2, 1998
Berkowitz, et al.	5,707,303	January 13, 1998
Joseph Cretella	5,645,498	July 8, 1997

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Nichols et al.	5,632,696	May 27, 1997
Richard D. Keller	5,540,432	July 30, 1996
Roger W. Ahner	5,494,279	February 27, 1996
Lotte K. Vogrin	5,165,744	November 24, 1992
August H. Wolf	5,080,357	January 14, 1992
Wesley J. Tobias	4,969,646	November 13, 1990
James F. Kopfle	4,951,947	August 27, 1990
Clyde E. Henthorn	4,714,250	December 22, 1987
John E. Murdock, Jr.	3,671,037	June 20, 1972

Each of these patents shows various forms of golf tee setting devices. Note in particular the Dahlmann patent which shows a device that can be clipped on a golfer's belt, and uses the handle of a golf club to insert the tee into the ground. See for example, Figures 5B and 5C.

Accordingly, in my opinion, it would be very difficult to obtain significant utility patent protection on your device as disclosed to me. *\* I NOW APPLY FOR UTILITY PATENT.*

We may be able to obtain design patent protection which protects the particular ornamental features of your device, however, it does not prevent others from making other forms of golf tee setting devices.

The process takes a couple of years. We can file a Design Patent Application and our services and costs will be about \$750 to start the process.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

*Charles W. Chandler*  
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Enclosure